

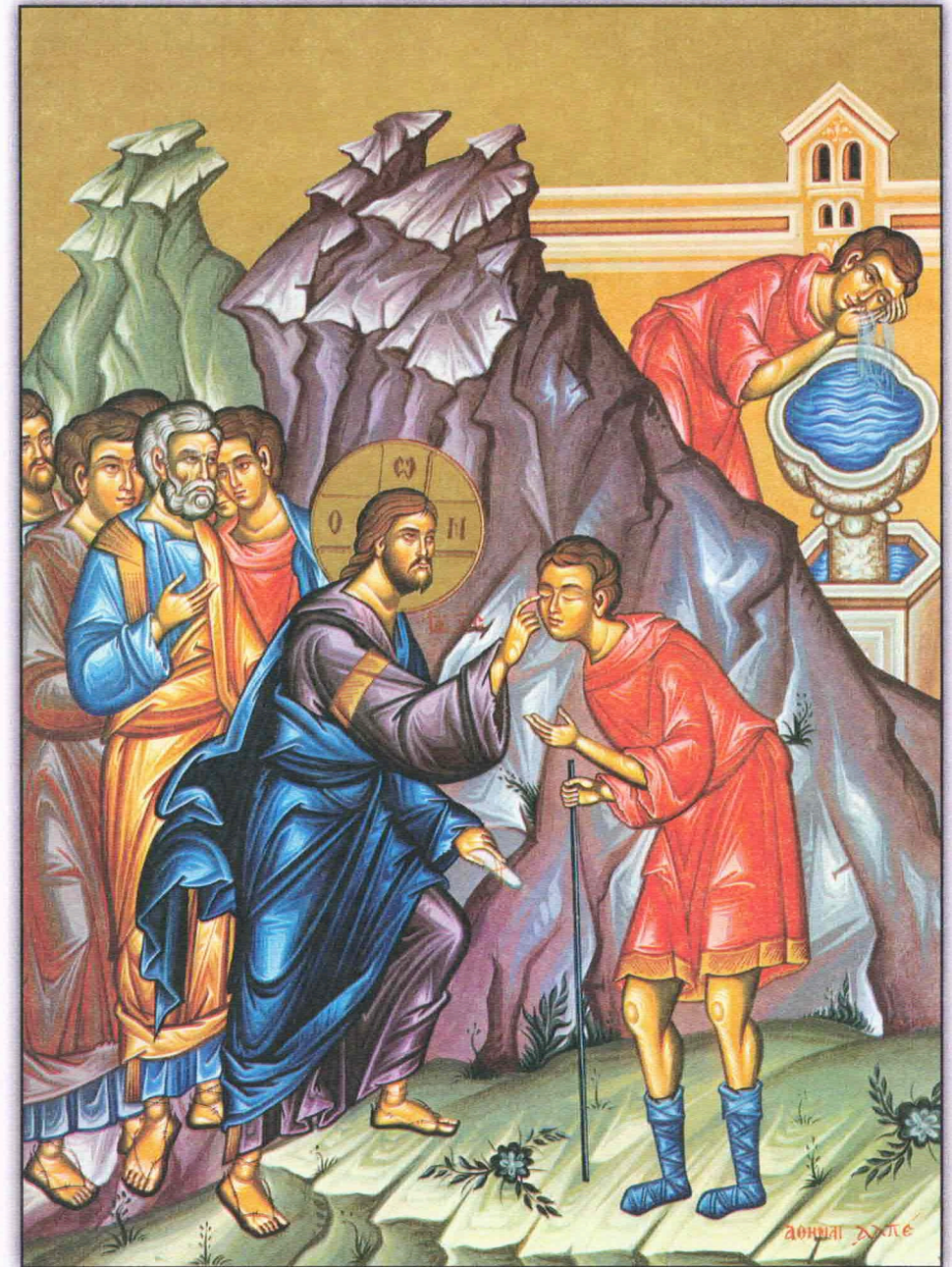
A Link to Baptism

The cure of the blind man also symbolizes mankind's means for its recovery from its blindness. It symbolizes the Sacrament of Baptism. Baptism is called holy enlightenment. Those who have been recently baptized are called the newly enlightened. This gospel from Saint John was read in the ancient Church on Holy Saturday when Catechumens were baptized. As this man is cured of his blindness when he washes in the waters of the pool of Siloam, as Jesus tells him to do, so are we brought out of darkness into a new life when we are baptized as Christ instructed us to be. Jesus restores His creation, mankind, with the potential to become what it was meant to be before the fall of Adam.

We also hear in the reading that after this man was cured many of those who knew him before did not recognize him. He is still the same man

but something has significantly changed about him. He is no longer blind. So when we are illuminated we are also new persons, though our outward appearance might be the same. To symbolize this newness a white garment is put on us to show the purity with which we start this new existence. We must, however, become different and unrecognizable in our inward and outward actions also. We must manifest our new existence to those around us through these actions. We must radiate this new found light to others by the way we live our lives. We must say to the world, "I am he who was blind but now my eyes are opened." Credit must be given to Him who has cured us of our darkness by living our lives according to the lessons of the illumination we have received and the continued guidance we get with the reception of the Holy Spirit.

SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND



Icon of the Gospel of the Man Born Blind



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Divine Liturgy Schedule: Saturday, May 16th, 23rd, and 30th, at 4:00pm

PATRONAGE CHURCH SERVICES SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Service	Intention
Sunday of the Man Born Blind 5.10.2026	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	Special Intention for: Living and +Deceased Mothers
Ascension of Our Lord Thursday, 5.14.2026	6:00pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy Anointing/Mirovaniye	For the Health and Salvation of: Parishioners
Sunday of the Fathers of the 1 st Ecumenical Council 5.17.2026	11:00am	Divine Liturgy at: Cathedral Gardens Pavilion	For the Repose of the Souls of: +William and +Martha Rudy From: The Kotula Family

Sunday of the Man Born Blind

Today's Propers can be found in the Pascha Liturgy booklet.

HOLY MYSTERY OF REPENTANCE: Confession is available beginning an hour before Divine Liturgy, and ending 15 minutes before the start of services.

HOLY EUCHARIST AND VISITATION OF THE SICK: Eucharist can be brought to a parishioner who is ill, in the hospital, or at home. You can request a visit by either sending our church an email, or contacting either Fr. Vasyl or Deacon Tony, personally.

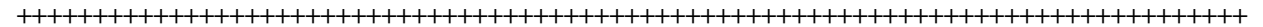
Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen! Christós Voskrése! Voístinnu Voskrése!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: The people of Ukraine, that peace may be soon be restored to their land, our parishioners, the founders of our parish, our benefactors, those who are sick, and those who cannot make it to church. Also, Fr. Vasyl Symyon, Charlie Toth, Larissa Toth, Tony Kotlar, Jr., Mary Hrinda, Michael Demyan, Michael Skovran, Mary Ann Ondrish, Betty Charlock, Elizabeth Hresko, John Hanyok, Ann Marie Elwell, James DeWolfe, Clara Valeika, Joe Belensky, Kay Dinko, Doris Ruszin, Veronica Ruszin, Anna Martin, Joseph Repasi, Mary Jo Kelly Wilhelm, Howard Guba, Melanie Copper, Julie Wiegand, Natalie, Edin, and +Walter Lourdes Najera Herder, Mark and Betsey Herder, Greg Rudy, our first responders, and all military service men and women throughout the world. Please help us keep our prayer list up to date. Let us know if we need to remove or add a name by sending an email to our church.

*May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician and Healer of souls and bodies,
grant them peace and good health for many blessed years!*

STEWARDSHIP: You honor God and our Church by continuing to tithe each week. An offertory basket is on the table in the back of our Temple for your weekly donation. You may also mail your donation to our church, or donate using Tithe.ly online at: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2346733>. The link is also on the first page of our website.

“Remember then, it is the Lord, your God, who gives you the power to acquire wealth” (Dt. 8:18).



Dear Mothers, Grandmothers, and Great-Grandmothers,

From the bottom of my heart, I wish you all a very Happy and Blessed Mother’s Day!

We are deeply grateful for the way you have reflected the love of Christ to us from the very beginning. Thank you for being our first teachers — not only of words and manners, but also of how to pray, how to trust in God, and how to walk in His light. Your faith has become the foundation upon which we stand today.

Today, I especially honor the time, sacrifice, and devotion you gave in raising us. We remember the many sacrifices you made and the sleepless nights you endured for our sake. I pray that we may return that same love and care with the devotion you so generously showed us throughout our lives.

May God bless each of you with health, peace, joy, and many blessed years in gratitude for the precious gift of life you have given us.

Fr. Vasyl Symyon

Children's Corner

Sunday of the Man Born Blind

Read today's biblical story in John 9:1-38. It tells about the miracle of Christ healing the man who was blind since birth. This is also the last Sunday of the Paschal period before the Feast of the Ascension, which is on Thursday, May 14th, of this week.

Create the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the following word bank:

pool seeing anointed washed sent
spittle clay ground spat eyes

"As he said this, he _____ on the _____
and made _____ of the _____ and
_____ the man's _____ with the clay,
saying to him, 'Go, wash in the _____ of Silo'am' (which
means _____). So he went and _____ and
came back _____."

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EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION (ECF): Our next class for children will be held after Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, May 24th**.

ADULT ENRICHMENT: The next session will take place on **Sunday, May 31st**. All are welcome!

PATRONAGE CHURCH'S 3RD ANNUAL PICNIC: Everyone is invited to join us next **Sunday, May 17th**, at Cathedral Gardens pavilion (Holy Trinity Russian Orthodox Cemetery), 6480 Elibank Drive, Elkridge, MD 21075 (it is only a few miles from our church). Divine Liturgy will begin at 11:00am, followed by our picnic which includes food, games, "Baba's Auction," and lots of parish fellowship. Please note the following:

1. This year we have added an electronic signup at [Sign Up Genius Parish Picnic](#), so that you can RSVP for the picnic with how many people from your household will be attending, as well as food/drink sections where you can add what dish you will be bringing, as well as other sign up categories for games, volunteer help, etc. Please RSVP no later than Sunday, May 10th, so that there is ample time to purchase items needed for our picnic.
2. To help offset the cost of our parish picnic, we are asking each household to donate an item or two (or how many items you would like to donate) for "Baba's Auction." Auction item ideas can be gift cards; religious, handmade, household, or garden items; toys; games; plants; or anything else you can think of – be creative!
3. Sarah Jane Roberts will be available after Liturgy today to help you sign up for our picnic, if you need assistance.
4. If you have any questions about our picnic, please contact Sharon Kotula. You can also access picnic information with the following QR Code:



THANK YOU: Much appreciation goes out to those who planted the Easter flower bulbs in the church's flower beds, and those who deep cleaned the St. Nicholas Chapel and cry room. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

92ND ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE (OTPUST) IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP: Save the date – **September 5th and 6th, 2026**. The Byzantine Catholic Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great located in Uniontown, PA, welcome you to join them for this annual event. More details will be available this summer.

THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC LITURGICAL PRACTICE OF OBSERVING “ALL SOULS” SATURDAYS: Please join us for our 5th and final “All Souls” service for the year, with the reading of the “Hramoty,” on **Friday, May 22nd, at 6:00pm.**

2025 BISHOP’S APPEAL: Please consider making a donation towards the Bishop’s Appeal now through **June 30, 2026.** Checks must be made payable to: [Eparchy of Passaic](#), and mailed to: 445 Lackawanna Avenue, Woodland Park, NJ 07424-2969. Please write in the memo the name of our church. You can also pledge online at: www.eparchyofpassaic.com, then click on “Giving.” Thank you to those who have already donated to support our Eparchy!

GCU SPECIAL MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE SISTERS OF ST. BASIL: The GCU Board of Directors has approved a Special \$10,000 Matching Funds Event for the Sisters of St. Basil in Uniontown’s expansion at the Mount Saint Macrina House of Prayer through **May 31, 2026.** The GCU will match donations made to the Building Fund on the Sisters’ website by visiting www.sistersofstbasil.org, click on “Donations,” then “Building Fund.” Or, you can mail a check (note that it is for the “Building Fund” in the memo) payable to: Sisters of St. Basil, 500 West Main Street, Uniontown, PA 15401. If you have any questions, please email the GCU at events@GCUUSA.com or call 800-722-4428, ext. 3924. Thank you for your support!

HOLY ANNUNCIATION MONASTERY “HELPING HANDS DAY:” The GCU is returning to Holy Annunciation Monastery, 403 West Country Road, Sugarloaf, PA 18249, for Helping Hands Day on **Saturday, June 13, 2026,** from 9:00am – 1:00pm. A Liturgy will be also be held that day beginning at 8:00am. Whether you enjoy being outdoors tending gardens or prefer lighter, indoor tasks like assembling bakery boxes, there’s a place for you here. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Following a morning of teamwork, we will enjoy lunch as a group. For more information, please contact Kevin Yurkanin at 570-956-4517 or tyurkanin@gcuusa.com.

ST. NICHOLAS MINISTRY (SNM) UPDATE: A quick note long overdue – thanks to those of you who have been active in the SNM. If you would like to get involved, please contact Tim Herder, or one of the names listed below.

1. **PARISH GREETERS:** Dan Bobby and Theresa Kotlar have been coordinating welcoming visitors before and after Divine Liturgy since last July.
2. **TREASURES OF THE ATTIC:** Sharon Kotula, Mary Demyan, and many contributors led this event on September 20th, and raised \$300.
3. **RETREAT:** Nancy Bobby and Carol Herder worked with Fr. Jerome Wolbert on a very successful retreat day on December 6th. We had 25 participants. A retreat day is being considered for November, 2026.
4. **BETHANY MINISTRY:** Kelley Wood and Tim Herder have started us down the road to Bethany. Books on how to organize this ministry are available. The next step is to decide what we will do first.

EPARCHY OF PASSAIC SUMMER CAMPS: Parents, please contact Fr. Vasyl as soon as possible if your child is interested in attending any of these camps!

Eparchy of Passaic is offering two summer camps in Carpathian village. Reserve your spot to make sure your child can have a few days of fun!

Camp Theotokos
August 19-23
Ages: 6-17
Cost: \$175
Register here

Altar Server Congress
July 19-23
Ages: Boys 6-17
Cost: Free for currently serving altar servers.
For more information, please email passaicservercongress@gmail.com

For more information, please email camptheotokos@gmail.com

2026 BYZANTINE CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT CONVOCATION: This summer, encounter *“The Heart of the God-Bearer,”* on **July 31st to August 2nd**, at St. Mary’s Byzantine Catholic Church in Hillsborough, New Jersey. **Young adults ages 18-35** will gather for fellowship, communal praying of the Liturgy of the Hours, and talks from speakers like Mother Natalia of *Christ the Bridegroom Monastery* and co-host of the *What God Is Not* podcast and Very Rev. Paul Varchola West, MFA, MDiv of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Levittown, PA; host of the *“Building Athos in Our Hearts Podcast;”* and *“Spiritual Father of the Springs in the Desert ministry.”* Join us for three days of faith, friendship, and transformation. For more information and regular updates, go to <https://www.heartofthegodbearer.org/>. *Online registration is open from now until June 30th!* Not a young adult? Contact us if you’re interested in helping sponsor scholarships to help the young adults in our Church grow and share their faith!

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH: We are glad that you have chosen to participate in the Divine Liturgy with us today, and we pray that it will be a spiritually nourishing experience. All Catholics may receive the Eucharist if you are in good standing and prepared. We receive the Body and Blood of Christ in our mouth by spoon. Please DO NOT stick out your tongue. ***If you would like to become an active part of our parish community, be added to our email list, and register as a parishioner,*** please complete a “Census” form. Forms are located on the bookrack in the Narthex, or on our website, and can either be mailed to our church, or placed in the offertory basket in the back of our Temple. On-line donation information can be found under “Stewardship” in this bulletin. ***“My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples” (Isaiah 56:7).***

Mother's Day Commemoration May 10, 2026



- ❖ Clyde and Kelley Wood
- ❖ **+Margaret Konik, +Elizabeth Bobby, and +Alyson Aylesworth;** From: The Bobby Family
- ❖ **+Margaret Loncaric, +Sophia Loncaric, +Mary Hardy, and +Anna Hardy;** From: Anna Esquela
- ❖ **+Mary, +Hellen, +Erna, +Melania, +Marianna, +Elzbieta, +Jadwiga, and +Jeanette;** From: Fr. Charles Sanderson
- ❖ **+Sophie Bodaj, +Matilda Kotlar, +Katherine Czarnecki, +Sophie Yuhas, +Aniela Bodaj, +Solomea Kotlar, and +Ruth Kotlar Maras;** From: Deacon Tony and Theresa Kotlar
- ❖ **+Cordell Roberts and +Frances Lee;** From: The Roberts Family
- ❖ **+Margaret Peles;** From: Barbara Breeze
- ❖ **+Josephine Kotch and +Teresa Yackanicz;** From: Regina Yackanicz
- ❖ **+Mary Toth, +Gertrude Muiznieks, and +Anna Luchok;** From: Charles Toth
- ❖ **+Martha Kostak Rudy, +Mary Washko Kostak, +Anna Rudy, +Esther Kotula, +Anna Kotula, and +Mary Rodgers;** From: The Kotula Family
- ❖ **+Anna Rudy Kuchta and +Anna Rudy;** From: Ann Marie Elwell
- ❖ **+Doris Mihalko, +Mary Tomcanin, and +Emma Savage;** From: Bill and Dana Tomcanin
- ❖ **+Elizabeth Bartko;** From: Mary Beth Bartko
- ❖ **+Catherine Bluey, +JoAnn Holdridge, +Catherine Sigler, +Jennifer Bluey, and +Louise Herder;** From: Tim and Carol Herder
- ❖ **+Elizabeth Kakalec, +Mary Kakalec, and +Rosalee Hurley;** From: The Kakalec Family

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MAY GOD GRANT THE FOLLOWING LIVING MOTHERS MANY BLESSED YEARS!

- ❖ **Kathleen Breeze**; From: Barbara Breeze
- ❖ **Shawna Karlson, Bonnie Ballaron, Gretchen Payne, Jessie Foss, and Shelby Balukonis**; From: The Karlson Family
- ❖ **Dorothy Guba**; From: Richard Guba
- ❖ **Victoria Tinnick and Patricia Olson**; From: James and Theresa Tinnick
- ❖ **Jenifer Lewis, Roberta Horning, Judy Dyer, Marie Lindberg, Brooke Wheeler, Elizabeth O'Connor, and Mary Riley-Smith**; From: Claudia and Greg Hrinda
- ❖ **Mary Hrinda, and Claudia Hrinda**; From: Jim Hrinda
- ❖ **Melania, Helen, and Beverly**; From: Fr. Charles Sanderson
- ❖ **Katie Harnsberger, Jordan Damiano, and Kelley Wood**; From: Clyde and Kelley Wood
- ❖ **Nancy Bobby and Melissa Aylesworth**; From: Dan and Nancy Bobby
- ❖ **Maria, Clarissa, and Aurora**; From: Anna Esquela
- ❖ **Theresa Kotlar**; From: Jennifer, Anthony, Joseph, Nicholas, Catherine, Thomas, and Annie Kotlar
- ❖ **Jennifer Kotlar Lakatta, Melissa Deltate Kotlar, and Theresa Kotlar**; From: Deacon Anthony and Theresa Kotlar
- ❖ **Emily Roberts, Phyllis Bautista, and Sara Jane Roberts**; From: The Roberts Family
- ❖ **Lucille Hissick and Deborah Yackanicz**; From: Regina Yackanicz
- ❖ **Larissa Toth**; From: Charles Toth
- ❖ **Patricia**; From: Bryan Hansen
- ❖ **Sharon Kotula, Natasha (Kotula) Kershner, Alexandra Kotula Mariotti, Molly Kotula, Georgianna Kostak, and Sandra Kostak Suseck**; From: The Kotula Family
- ❖ **Ann Marie Elwell, Cheryl Elwell, Lee Ann Elwell, Lois Carinci, and Lucille Janecek**; From: Ann Marie Elwell

- ❖ **Krissy Venzen, Renee Herrmann, and Laurie Tomcanin**; From: Bill and Dana Tomcanin
- ❖ **Robin Bartko**; From: Mary Beth Bartko
- ❖ **Katerina Lessard, Carol Herder, Kathy Garrett, and Cheryl Webster**; From: Tim and Carol Herder
- ❖ **Missy Kakalec, Melissa Kakalec, Lynn Bailey, Pamela Brown, Laura Nowlin, and Meghan Crim**; From: The Kakalec Family

Mnohaja l'ita!

MAY GOD GRANT THE FOLLOWING DECEASED MOTHERS

BLESSED REPOSE AND ETERNAL MEMORY!

- ❖ **+Phyllis Skovran, +Anna Skovran, and +Dorothy Benlock**; From: Michael Skovran
- ❖ **+Marge Dulina**; From: Stephen Dulina
- ❖ **+Ann Totin and +Christine Colorito**; From: John and Cathy Gunter
- ❖ **+Margaret Konik, +Elizabeth Bobby, and +Alyson Aylesworth**; From: Dan and Nancy Bobby
- ❖ **+Madeline Shanta, +Ruth Bell, and +Barbara Bealer**; From: The Karlson Family
- ❖ **+Lisa Marie Helms Guba, +Irene Guba, and +Charlotte Turkos**; From: Richard Guba
- ❖ **+Bertha Eisler, +Dorothy Tinnick, +Wave Olson, and +Ruth Switzler**; From: James and Theresa Tinnick
- ❖ **+Leith Leed, +Phyllis Leed, and +June Pierce**; From: Claudia and Greg Hrinda
- ❖ **+Emma Hagarman, +Katherine Sasala, +Irene Hrinda, and +Barbara McHale**; From: Jim Hrinda
- ❖ **+Genevieve Wood, +Rosemary Stolte, and +Kristen Stolte Rieth**, From: